

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
a first device configured to receive a file containing information about a characteristic word representing a characteristic of a television program;
an input device configured to allow a user to select an intended characteristic word from characteristic words contained in said file;
a user device configured to transmit information about a characteristic word selected by said user to a user recording and playback apparatus; and
a second device configured to receive television program information about a television program corresponding to said selected characteristic word transmitted from said recording and playback apparatus as a result of transmitting information about said selected characteristic word.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 13,
wherein said first device receives a file containing information about said characteristic word from said recording and playback apparatus.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:
controlling reception of a file containing information about a characteristic word representing a characteristic of a television program;

allowing a user to select an intended characteristic word from characteristic words contained in said file;

controlling transmission of information about a characteristic word selected by said user from a user device to a user recording and playback apparatus; and

controlling reception of television program information about a television program corresponding to said selected characteristic word transmitted from said recording and playback apparatus as a result of transmitting information about said selected characteristic word.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program to allow a computer to perform:

controlling reception of a file containing information about a characteristic word representing a characteristic of a television program;

allowing a user to select an intended characteristic word from characteristic words contained in said file;

controlling transmission of information about a characteristic word selected by said user from a user device to a user recording and playback apparatus; and

controlling reception of television program information about a television program corresponding to said selected characteristic word transmitted from said user recording and playback apparatus as a result of transmitting information about said selected characteristic word.